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## ayor's Message

### Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,



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June is the month when summer officially begins. Most schools are now on break. June is also the month of Father's Day. Celebrate this day set aside for dads. I lost mine several years ago. He is missed, but never forgotten. Enjoy the weather and go watch a Windcrest Little League game, walk the parks and go by the community pool. Windcrest has so many beautiful amenities. Please take advantage of them all. Also, please plan to be in Windcrest the morning of July 4th. We are planning to have another huge parade and celebration! Plan your patriotic outfit and get ready to have some fun! There has been tremendous support from our city's best asset, our residents, with regards to citizens volunteering for the different committees and commissions. We are continuing to witness the growth of TEAM WINDCREST - both city pride and citizen participation are growing. We encourage you to remain active and involved, and we promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: If we stay the same, we cannot improve.

Firefighter Picnic Re-cap: This was the third year that this picnic was made a 2 day event. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Softball game between the Fire Department and the Police Department was rained out. It will be re-scheduled, so please keep a look out for the new date to be announced. It is entertaining, and an event you will enjoy. Both days were successful, and this Picnic was fun for the whole family. It also was a successful fundraiser for our Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department. A huge thank you goes out to the Volunteers, the Fire Department and to Heather Weidenbach.

Windcrest Property Tax Rate: Many citizens have asked the question - Are we going to see a reduction in the property tax rate again? Yes, this administration promised that we would run the city more efficiently and would encourage Economic Development. For the fourth year in a row, I will ask and will work on the new Fiscal Year 2015/2016 City Budget that will call for a reduction in the property tax rate. I will propose at least a 5% reduction in the City of Windcrest Property Tax Rate for this coming year. Additionally, I will encourage the Council to vote to continue for next year the \$5 residential permit fee and a 50% reduction of the residential garbage bill. This is a testament to all the hard work by everyone on Team Windcrest.

Code Compliance: We have had some wacky weather lately. We were in a drought, yet we have had rain in various intervals. It has made it hard to keep up. We realize some have planned to mow their yard, yet it rains again. Sometimes we mow and then it rains again, we mow and so on. It is easy to fall behind when we experience weather as such. Even many of the professionals and some residents have had trouble keeping up. We ask that everyone do the best they can to upkeep their lawn during this rainy spell.

Charter Commission: After several years, the city is required to review the Charter. The Charter is kind of like the city's constitution. The Committee is comprised of: Kimberly Wright (Chair), Henry Berman (Co-chair), Rick Cockerham, Rainbeau Presti, Majie Takas, David Diaz, and Fernando Richards, Jr. Over the next several months, they will review and could possibly suggest changes. They may keep the Charter as is. Should they request changes, these changes will be placed on the ballot in November for a vote of all the citizens. All meetings will be held in Council Chambers and aired live on the internet. They will also be recorded and available to view at your leisure on the web. If you need any information regarding this Commission, please call the City Secretary Kelly Rodriguez at 210-655-





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0022 and she will be happy to assist you. Also, feel free to contact one of these residents and voice your opinion(s). I know they would love to hear from you.

Takas Park and Takas Park Pond: I have heard from quite a few residents about the walking trails in this area. There are a lot of great ideas being presented regarding how we can improve these trails. Also, improving the drainage is also a concern. We will be looking at all options. Please email me at <a href="mailto:abaxter@windcrest-tx.gov">abaxter@windcrest-tx.gov</a> or call me at 210-846-5507 with your ideas. I would love to hear from you. This would be a project of the Parks and Rec Committee. They are working hard to make the city even more beautiful, and are committed to improving the quality of life. Thank you for all their hard work.

**Street Repairs:** Phase Three of the continuing Street Capital Improvement Plan will commence this summer so as it can be completed before Light-Up begins. Residents will see will start seeing crack sealing and some minor street reconstruction, as well as, some mill and over lay with hot mix. For more information, please see the city's web page. Again, this is being accomplished using cash – no debt. As promised, this administration is committed to systematically repairing and/or rebuilding all the streets in the Windcrest residential area over the next 3 – 4 years. More information can be found on the Windcrest website.

**Winnbrook Estates Park:** This new park broke ground last June. It will be constructed in 3 phases. Phase One was completed last year. We will commence Phase Two this summer, so pardon the dust. New amenities and infrastructure will be added to improve this park. A big thank you goes out to the Parks and Recs Committee and to the Winnbrook Estates HOA. This is an amenity that the residents will be proud of and it will be enjoyed.

YMCA Summer Camp: The YMCA will be conducting a summer camp for children for eight weeks this summer. It will be held right here in Windcrest at the Takas Park Civic Center. Discounts will be extended to all Windcrest resident children and grandchildren. It has been well received and is almost full. Please call the Walzem YMCA at 210-656-5777 and ask for Andi Anderson.

**Community Pool:** It is open for business. Hours of Operation: Tuesday-Saturday Noon – 8:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM, and it is closed on Mondays. Admission is \$3.00 per person. We also offer group and season passes. For more information drop by the pool or call Pool Manager Jonathan Hayes at 210-454-6883. We encourage you to drop by and enjoy. The swim team will be starting soon, so for the children interested – please sign up. It makes for a fun summer!

Economic Development: We are this close to finalizing a business park complex on the annexed portion of Windcrest on Eisenhower Road. The developer intends to break ground within 60 days of you receiving this Newsletter. We are also close to announcing a long time, successful San Antonio business relocating and building to suit for the operations of their business in Windcrest. Additionally, we are close to announcing a new restaurant and hotel to complete the development where the IN-N-OUT Burger Restaurant resides. As you may remember from past Newsletters, this was where the old Frost Bank stood. It was demolished, and this land was re-platted into three parcels. IN-N-OUT was placed on one parcel. The parcel next to it will be a restaurant and the land behind it will be a hotel. This is a very exciting time! Team Windcrest has been working hard over the last several years, and we are excited that we are very close to seeing the fruits of our labor. Much more to come!!!

Windcrest Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget: The process of formulating this budget has begun. This administration would love to hear citizen comments regarding issues where the city spends the tax dollars. We plan to hold several meetings in the month of July and August to review budget suggestions from the staff. We also would love for citizens to attend these meetings to discuss their concerns and hear from our most prized asset and the people we serve – the citizens. We will plan these meetings at various times and days of the week to try to accommodate the schedules of the citizens. One great aspect of living in a small city is participating in how your tax dollars are spent. Please participate if you so desire. In next month's Newsletter, we will publish when these meetings will be held. Also, always feel free to email me or any of the Council people with any thoughts and/or ideas that you may have. We want to be responsive to your needs.

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Heather Weidenbach at City Hall if you wish to volunteer. Remember that there are still places of service within the City. If you want to participate or volunteer in any area of the City, you won't be turned away. Give me a call or email me to get involved.

Please email me if you wish me to add something to my article. When you visit City Hall, please stop in and say hello.

Remember that I welcome and answer every phone call and email.

Your Mayor and humble servant,

Han E. Baxter









### FROM YOUR MAYOR PRO-TEM

Pam Dodson

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I thought it might be interesting to try the "Did you Know that?" column again and see how well acquainted you are with City Code.



- 1. How many vehicles can you have parked in your drive?
- 2. How long can your vehicle be parked in the street without being moved?
- 3. Do you need to pick up after your dog when walking the neighborhood or parks?
- 4. Those weeds in your yard....at what height do they have to be cut?
- 5. Do you have to wear a bicycle helmet in Windcrest?

So, how did you do?

After watching the campaign of a recent Bexar County race, I became concerned about what an influx of money can do for a candidate. We saw an outsider, who made a considerable size contribution, affect the outcome of that race. Do we want that for our own tiny community? Should the city council consider adopting a similar code to San Antonio's code on campaign contributions. That code has some clear guide lines on how much of a donation can be accepted by a candidate and also by any PAC that may be supporting them. Be sure to let the city council know what you think!

## Councilmember

James McFall

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Citizens of Windcrest, let me start off by saying how proud I am of your commitment to our beautiful City. Your dedication has inspired me to involve myself more in bettering the lives of the future of Windcrest: the students attending the local schools in our community.

I have teamed up with numerous community leaders, including former Roosevelt High School Head Football Coach, Glen Hill, Judge Takas, and numerous other representatives from each of the schools in our community in an effort to improve our local educational system and to maximize the potential of every student in our community. Our team's goal is to increase community involvement within the schools serving the children and parents of our community. By doing so, I firmly believe we can not only improve the quality of our local schools, but also encourage our community's students to strive for excellence in their academic and professional endeavors.

Our team needs your help! We are looking for volunteers who share our interest in improving the schools in our community. We sincerely hope to see you there. We invite anyone with positive ideas, thoughts, and suggestions on how to best assist in achieving this noble cause to attend our first official meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for late June 2015. Please visit the City's website for the official date and time or call City Hall at (210)655-0022.

As a retired career-educator, I can attest to the fact that there is no better feeling than the one you get when you positively impact a student's life. If you would like to team-up with us in creating a brighter future for our students, please plan on attending our first meeting and/or contact me via email at jmcfall@windcrest-tx.gov or (210)656-5892.

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## Councilmember

John Gretz

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## Councilmember Gerd E. Jacobi

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I've been a proud resident of our great city for 20 years along with a couple years on our EDC and a couple terms as a council person. My daughter and I have also been members of the Windcrest Citizen Patrol team for for over 15 years... and we look forward to the duty each and every month! As our Citizen Patrol Chief, Henry Berman, stated at the 4 May council meeting... Citizen Patrol reps are "the eyes and ears" of our great city. Not only do we remind neighbors that they left their garage door open, help to find a lost dog, or just say hello... we also do code compliance notes. Upon completion of our shifts, we pass the notes to dispatch, who in turn passes our concerns to our code enforcement officer. He takes over from there.

At the May 4th city council meeting, a resident during "citizens to be heard" questioned if citizen patrol members should be allowed to monitor code enforcement issues. In my humble opinion, that is a "no brainer." We have approximately 40 citizen patrol members and only one code compliance officer. If we can assist with keeping Windcrest pretty and proud, that is what it's all about. I even let the code enforcement officer know if I'm not on my monthly 2-hour shift if I see something requiring attention. Why? I am proud to be a resident of Windcrest, Texas, and I am even prouder that Windcrest is a good little city!

It 's summer time, let's get out and enjoy our surroundings. By that I mean get out and walk around one or all of our three ponds and parks where we have fish, turtles and a variety or birds.

School is out so take your children or grandchildren with you and talk to them about taking care of our environment. I take all five of my grandchildren with me when I can.

Our Swimming pool is now open every day of the week except Monday. If you don't have a pool, go to the Windcrest swimming pool and have a cool time. Yes, there may be a bit of noise, you know from children, but it is fun. And remember, we were all children at one time. We have a pool at our house but some of my grandchildren went to the Windcrest pool for better swimming lessons than I could provide. Also, our little bit older grandchildren took tennis lessons right there by pool's tennis courts.

The Pushrods Classic Car Club had their monthly meeting on the 2nd of June at the Golf Course Club House. This event was coordinated by our own COL. Henry Berman who also has a classic corvette and is a Club member. We hope you enjoyed seeing the well maintained cars of our past.









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## City Secretary News,

Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of April the Mayor and Council passed an Ordinance that you may be interested in. Please note that the links after the statements are links to the meetings on the City of Windcrest website. To view the whole discussion of the City Council simply type it in to the search bar on your internet browser.

#### **ORDINANCES** SCCM 04.06.15

Ordinance No. 2015-726(O), an ordinance adopting a master plan for the orderly development of the community. (Ref: 09.08.14 P&Z http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view id=8&clip id=1312 // 09.15.14 RCCM http://windcresttx. granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view id=8&clip id=1321 03.25.15 SCCM <a href="http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.">http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.</a> php?view id=8&clip id=1436 // 04.06.15 http://windcresttx. granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view id=8&clip id=1440)

#### Volunteers Needed

Board of Adjustment - Two vacancies for alternate members. Please contact any of your Councilmembers, City Manager or City Secretary to volunteer.



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### **POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Chief of Police - A. O. "Al" Ballew

I will be celebrating my 32nd Anniversary as a Law Enforcement Officer on August 15, 2015. There have been tremendous changes in Law Enforcement over the past 32 years. In addition to major technological advances, the overall climate of Law Enforcement has changed...and not everything has been positive. From the East Coast to the West Coast and just about everywhere in between, police officers and departments are in the news. I will not lie to you...there are police officers who have made mistakes. There are a few police officers that think they are above the law...but with that said, please remember one very important thing. The "vast" majority and I use "vast" in emphasized terms, of police officers across this great country are men and women that wear the badge with honor, professionalism, commitment and the driven desire to serve and protect. Police officers work daily putting their lives on the line and having to make split second life and death decisions. These split second decisions are scrutinized and second guessed for weeks and even months after a critical incident by people who have no clue whatsoever what it is like to be placed in these circumstances in the first place.

I raised my right hand and swore unto God thirty-two years ago that I would never betray or dishonor my badge. I have never betrayed that Oath and I am not alone! There are many, many more officers, here and across this Country, that are honorable police officers.

Tragedies have happened and unfortunately will continue to happen as long as the criminal element continues to challenge police officers, assault police officers and try to kill police officers. Police officers do not retreat...it is our duty to protect, serve and enforce the laws of this land. The Windcrest Police Department exudes professionalism, enforcement without bias or prejudice, bravery and service. Under my watch, I will not tolerate anything less! Windcrest Citizens'... we need your continued support and trust, now more than ever. I promise to each of you...we live and work by our Mission Statement. Just like our Oath...each of us wearing our badge with honor, with continued trust and respect from each of you, our Citizenry that we proudly serve.

Sincerely,

A.Ø. "Al" Ballew, Chief of Police

#### **Windcrest Police Department Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Windcrest Police Department is to ensure a safe, secure and fear-free community in which to live. We will protect, uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, enforce Federal, State and local laws, impartially, without prejudice or bias.

We will maintain unwavering commitment to the protection of all human life and individual rights through enforcement, response and professional service that is second to none.

### From the Desk of Tom Garcia.

Director of Public Works

tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov.

Street light outage is always a concern in our community. When you notice a street light that is out please call into Tom Garcia, PW Director with the intersection and physical address of the street light location. This will help when we call repairs in to CPS. Thanks.

Thank you to Medardo Rocha Perez and Adolf Guerrero for doing a spectacular job replacing the Baseball field dug out roofs. This was a more than needed repair and when asked to do the job both Adolf and Medardo stepped up to the challenge. Great job guys!

Thanks to all our citizens that take extra pride in their community by keeping their yards well groomed. Your efforts are appreciated not only by your neighbors but by the entire community. Please keep up the great work.

Thank you,

Tom Garcia, PW Director, 210-896-0098



The date for the "America's Preparathon" to be held in Windcrest, that was previously scheduled for June, has been changed to September 26, 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. Make sure to mark your calendars to come and learn about disaster preparedness. Visit http://prepared-housewives.com/livingthrough-sandy-tips-from-a-survivor/ and read why it is so important to prepare. Chief Ballew will demonstrate how to prepare a "Go Bag" for each of your family members so you are ready to evacuate your home in the event of a local emergency. The Windcrest CERT Team will present demonstrations on what you will learn if you choose to go through the free 20 week training held across San Antonio throughout the year, and there will be demo on how to make moulage. We will also create fake wounds for the children. Visit https://www.facebook. com/CERTBexarcounty to stay up to date with training dates and Windcrest City CERT Facebook page to read on local activities. For further information or to sign up for future training, contact Kathie Maloney, Windcrest CERT Team Program Coordinator at 210-887-5069 or teamwindcrest@ gmail.com

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Robert Colunga

On behalf of all the WEDC I would like to thank everyone who has supported our new In n Out Burger. Their Opening has been a huge success and the lines continue. The word is out! Windcrest is the place to bring your business! We continue to have more businesses looking at coming into Windcrest. The Bunch family who own the property where the former Al's Formal wear is located have started their renovations of the building. Visit our Facebook and Twitter pages along with our website <a href="https://www.developwindcrest.org">www.developwindcrest.org</a> to see photos and updates on the businesses.

On our Windcrest Winbucks Card & Windcrest Windfall Application we are working on updating information with our businesses but please remember specials change as well as the discounts. We are working to get more businesses like the Arctic Ape who have participated in both programs. Please come out for the official Grand Opening of the Whataburger University on June 5th at 3pm.

Once again on behalf of the WEDC Board thank you for all your support of our Windcrest Businesses and if you have any suggestions or comments please feel free to contact us at <a href="mailto:rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov">rcolunga@windcrest-tx.gov</a> or call us at 210-655-0022.







Friends of the Park is taking a break from starting new projects over the summer. We will continue to complete and maintain our previous projects, of course; but this year, we will wait until fall to resume more active endeavors.

We are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit established 4-1/2 years ago with the sole purpose of enhancing and keeping beautiful the parks and green spaces of Windcrest. Please look at our website to see some of the projects on which we have worked. As always, we are grateful for the support of Windcrest, and in particular its Public Works Department which has been key to providing equipment and help with some of our larger endeavors.

As you drive around the city this summer, you will notice attractive new park directional signs throughout the city – pointing the way to each of the three older established public parks. Their design and display are a visible example of one of our most recent activities.

Have a great summer!



### **CODE ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

The Windcrest Police Department is responsible for the direction of the Code Compliance & Enforcement Unit. It is my sincere desire as your Chief of Police and the one ultimately responsible for the success of this unit, to ensure fair treatment for both residents and businesses in our City. I am writing this month as a two-fold endeavor. First, to emphasize the importance of compliance and Second, to emphasize that we are serious about compliance! City of Windcrest ordinances address violations that affect both Health and Safety. Our goal is to maintain the quality of our neighborhoods to ensure a comfortable, safe and clean living environment. Code Enforcement routinely addresses a wide range of neighborhood issues, from grass and weeds, graffiti, abandoned vehicles parked in yards or driveways to illegal conversions of garages into living spaces and unsanitary buildup of trash and debris on private property. Our objective is to seek voluntary compliance. We do not want to issue citations ... citations are a last resort!

Although we work hard to be proactive, we do depend on citizen complaints. Windcrest Police Department Code Compliance and Enforcement Unit, relies on other eyes in the neighborhoods, such as Citizens' Patrol members, alerting us to potential problems. Under the rubric of the "broken window theory", vacant properties, dilapidated buildings and those properties in violation of code ordinances, become attractions for crime. In simpler terms ... the faster we cleanup a problem, the less chance another will develop! The effort to be fair to all Windcrest residential and business property owners can create gaps that some of our stubborn and repeat violators routinely exploit, making the process last even longer, thus creating further frustrations to surrounding neighbors and other officials. The various courses of actions by code enforcement, from written warnings and citations to liens and criminal prosecution, can be used to persuade property owners to comply and even become positive influences with further neighborhood revitalization. It is not our responsibility to send you reminders to comply... it is the sole responsibility of the owner and/or resident to remain in compliance!

The City of Windcrest is a very unique and respected community. As a child, I remember visiting Windcrest with my parents during the Christmas Season and vividly hearing them talk about Windcrest, being the place to live. I was fascinated with the City of Lights! Windcrest is a beautiful City with an incredible future, but like any City, we have to address violations with City Code. One very important thing to remember, your property directly affects your neighborhood... either in a positive manner or a negative one. Code Enforcement works very hard to bring properties into compliance and ensure they remain that way. We routinely work long hours with residents to obtain these goals, but please understand that compliance must and will be obtained and violations properly abated. Please help me, help you, and make the City of Windcrest, a community that is Second to None!

Respectfully,

A.O. "Al" Ballew, Chief of Police

### MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,

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#### WARRANT ROUND UP RESULTS

Living in Windcrest has many benefits. Unfortunately, one of them is NOT being exempt from receiving a citation. If you find yourself in receipt of a code violation citation, please make sure you make all of your court appearances. You will not be able to come in and just pay a fine. You WILL HAVE TO SEE THE JUDGE. While court can be viewed as a frightening experience, the court staff will do it's best to ensure that your experience is a pleasant one.

#### TIPS FOR THE ROAD

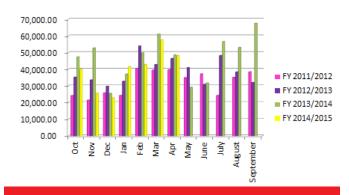
While waiting at a stop light the vehicle's engine in front of you dies and will not start again. It is rush-hour and the guy behind you is close to your bumper. When stopped at intersections controlled by traffic control devices, always leave enough room to exit on the left or right side without having to back up. Usually this means about three-quarter of your vehicle's length.

#### TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

Here is a 4 year comparison chart of the money collected from fines and fees. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Assistant Court Administrator at (210)655-0022 ext 2150 or <a href="krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov">krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov</a>.

#### TOTAL CITY REVENUE FROM COURT

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The Windcrest Lions Club and Roosevelt High School LEO Club members have been busy. We marched in the Fiesta Especial Parade. We helped build a PET (personal energy transport) hand powered wheelchair. We also prepared and served a delicious, healthy meal for homeless and food insecure people in our area. Special thanks to John Calvin Presbyterian Church's Lunch & Love program, HEB and Grano de Mostaza Salvadorian & Mexican Restaurant for their generosity and support.

We're happy to be the host city for the Lions District 2-A2 district conference in July. If you see Lions wandering around town, give them a warm welcome and direct them to Takas Park!

If you're interested in learning more about the Lions, please call Lion Marlene at 210-455-3662 or stop by a meeting. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Windcrest Civic Center at Takas Park. LIONS – we serve!







The Windcrest Garden Club thanks everyone who turned out for the Plant Sale on 18 April. It was a huge success, which means we will be able to do more to support community projects. The 2014-2015 was a great year and things are already looking great for the 2015-2016 Club year. The new Executive Board, pictured here, is already working together with Committee Chairs to make next year even better.

Here is a summer lawn tip. To repair and help prevent the damage to your lawn by little "doggie deposits", overspray the turf with 1 cup of Dawn dishwashing liquid in your 20 gallon hose-end sprayer, and then apply gypsum over the area at the package recommended rate. One week later, overspray the turf with "Turf Builder Tonic" (1 can of beer, 1 cup of ammonia, and 1 can of regular cola in your 20 gallon hose-end sprayer.) [source JerryBaker.com]. As a bonus, this process will not harm your pets or children.

Look around this summer; you'll see Windcrest Garden Club members busy throughout the summer volunteering at a wide variety of events. Say "Hi" to one of them & I'm sure they'll be happy to share with you the fun we're having at Windcrest Garden Club events. The Garden Club is open to ALL AREA MEN AND WOMEN interested in gardening. Membership is only \$10.00 a year and available anytime during the year. We meet on the first Monday of the month at the Windcrest Civic Center. Our next meeting is 14 September: save the date! You can renew your membership or join for the 2015-2016 Club year with the below form. Early renewal helps the Executive board plan for the coming year which begins in September. Make check payable to Windcrest Garden Club & Mail to: Garden Club, 413 Zephyr Dr, Windcrest Tx 78239



New 2015-2016 Windcrest Garden Club Officers (L-R) Kathy Littlefield, Treasurer; Marji Gentet, Secretary; Betty Riggs, Vice President; & Carolyn Freeman, President were installed at the Club's May 4th luncheon.

#### WINDCREST GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM 2015-2016

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#### AREA 1

Joann Hillard - 473 Flippin Estates Garden Home Nathene Brown - 322 Weathercock

Barry & Cindy Bergman - 9146 Windgarden Garden Home

#### AREA 2

Mr. John Smith - 406 Waycrest

Holly Lawless & Wes Gabel - 8302 Windway Garden Home

#### AREA 3

Jaime & Melissa Garza - 442 Fenwick

#### AREA 4

Col. & Mrs. I, R. Cooper DVM - 616 Rocklyn Dr. Dianne & Don Hakala - 638 Weatherly Dr.

#### AREAS

Gary & Margaret Fisher - 5937 Northgap Dr. Garden Home

#### ARFA

Bob & Teresa Kilburn - 8715 Pintail Pond

Larry Bennett & Doug Douglass - 6102 Shady Creek Garden Home

#### AREA 7

Mr. & Mrs. Van Vliet - 1902 Marco Polo

Please congratulate these folks on their participation and efforts to make their property and our City more beautiful!

## Women's Club News

#### Kathy Littlefield (210) 413-6018

We've had a great year and now we are looking forward to a great summer. On May 27th we will meet at Earl Abel's Restaurant for installation of our Windcrest Women's Club officers for the year 2015-2016. As we all make our plans for next year, consider joining the Windcrest Woman's Club.

Our dues are \$20.00 a year. We meet monthly for different activities: Coffee and program at the Civic Center, Luncheons at local restaurants for Fashion Shows, trips to interesting sites in and around San Antonio, assist in bringing cheer to the community in December by decorating our homes and having a "Jolly Fun" Christmas Party. A Membership Tea in February to honor our members and Past Presidents, a Spring Social to bring us together for a fun evening of dinner and dancing. Many interesting activities to participate in and enjoy. Call Lu Nix at 653-2371 or 445-5498 for additional information or fill our and mail the following Membership form.

The Windorest Women's Club

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# WINDCREST ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL UNIT

Officers A. Fuentes and G. Bayer

# JUST A FEW REMINDERS FROM THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL UNIT!



With the summer heat upon us, please remember to provide fresh cool water for your pets. Bring your pets inside during extreme weather conditions. Never leave pets in warm or hot vehicles! If it's 75 degrees outside, inside your vehicle can reach 100 degrees within 10 minutes. Dogs do not sweat, and they overheat very quickly. If you are looking to adopt or foster one of our strays please call us at 210.655.0022 extension 2680. You can also look on the City of Windcrest website under Animal Care & Control Unit for a list of adoptable dogs. We also have a Facebook page, "Windcrest Texas Animal Control". We post pictures and brief information on all of the found and adoptable dogs. Officer Bayer is normally at the Windcrest Petsmart located at 8520 Fourwinds Dr., on Saturdays with adoptable dogs. When you adopt a dog from us, you are getting a fully vetted dog! Don't forget... if you have any rodents or wildlife in your home, please call a Wildlife Pest Control Company. Most will safely remove and relocate the animals. Wildlife and community cats are a part of life here in the City of Windcrest!

## Shweiki

# WINDCREST ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE

- Pam Dodson



#### **GENERAL SUMMER SAFETY CONCERNS**

Hot weather can make anyone feel uncomfortable, and your dog is no exception. Here are some safety concerns for responsible dog owners:

Never leave your dog unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle. Heatstroke can occur and lead to brain damage or death. Signs of heatstroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse and fever. Immediately immerse the dog in cool water and seek emergency veterinary assistance.

Never leave your dog unattended in a hot, parked car. When it's only 80 degrees outside, the inside of a car can heat up to more than 120 degrees in just minutes. Leaving the windows partially rolled down will not help. Your dog is susceptible to heat stroke and possible death in these conditions.

Always make sure your dog has access to fresh water. Prevent dehydration by providing your dog with unrestricted access to fresh and cool water both indoors and outside. Ice cubes and frozen chicken or beef broth encourage your dog to take in more fluids and help keep it cool. You can also feed your dog wet dog food during the summer to increase its fluid intake.

All dogs should have proper identification at all times. The AKC suggests a collar with an ID tag, along with a tattoo or a microchip.

Keep your dog on a leash when he is outdoors to prevent accidents and injuries.

Try to avoid strenuous exercise with your dog on extremely hot days and refrain from physical activity when the sun's heat is most intense. Be careful walking your dog. When it's hot outside, it's a good idea to walk your dog either in the morning or in the evening, when temperatures are lower. You should refrain from walking your dog during the heat of the day. Not only is it possible for you and your dog to become hot and dehydrated, the hot concrete can burn your dog's sensitive paws. Press your hand onto surfaces for 30 seconds to test them before allowing your dog to walk on them. If it is painful for you, it will be painful for your dog.

Ticks, fleas, mosquitoes, flies, and other insects are at their peak during the summer months. Talk to your veterinarian about appropriate protection such as collars, sprays, shampoos, dips, and other products.

Standing water, such as puddles, can also be dangerous for dogs to drink due to the presence of antifreeze or other chemicals. Provide your dog with fresh water to drink.

White, light-colored, and thinly coated dogs have an increased risk of sunburn. Sunburn causes pain, itching, peeling, and other problems.

# THANK YOU

The members of the Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department would like to THANK the Windcrest Community who supported us during the 45th Annual Firefighter's Picnic held on May 15-16, 2015 at Takas Park!



**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!!!** 

The 2nd annual "Battle of the Badge" game was a wash out AND it wasn't due to scoring bases it was....Mother Nature! Although we received some beneficial rain on the first day of picnic, we were unable to play the softball game due to a saturated field. Stay tuned for a reschedule for the fun-filled "Battle of the Badges" Softball game.

The first annual "Superhero" Costume Pet Contest was a hit and we are already discussing what we can do for next year. Congratulations to Rainbeau Presti (Robin) and her Superhero Millie (Batman) on winning the overall "Best Dressed Superhero"!

Our family fun day was just that ... we started the day with Roosevelt H.S. Drumline and Dance Team, followed by our first ever Zumba-thon sponsored by the Walzem Family YMCA, those in attendance enjoyed different vendors such as Unique Creations, CDO Enterprises, H&H Wood Crafts, Matilda Jane, Pampered Chef, Paparazzi Jewelry, Thirty One Bags and the Pooch House.

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The younger picnic goers enjoyed carnival rides, inflatables, games, pony rides, petting zoo and a building craft project sponsored by the Windcrest Home Depot.

We had an evening of barbeque, live music by Gary Glenn & the 20x Band, silent auction and raffle drawing. Congratulations to the Szymanski's, Huff's and Hunt family winning first, second and third in the raffle drawing.

ZUMBA-thon...thank you Walzem Family YMCA and Instructors!

**A BIG WINDCREST THANK YOU** to H-E-B for donating a \$500 gift card, H-E-B refrigerated trailer and generator, Sea World San Antonio for donating a family 4-pack of single day admission to the park used for the raffle drawing.

Also, sending a **BIG WINDCREST THANK YOU** to Bill Miller's BBQ, The Home Depot #0580, San Antonio Missions Baseball Club, Natural Bridge Caverns & Wildlife Ranch, Splashtown, Morgans' Wonderland, San Antonio Scorpions, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, Animal World & Snake Farm, San Antonio Aquarium, ZDT's Amusement Park, Grape Creek Vineyards, San Antonio Zoo & Aquarium, Witte Museum, Papa Dantes, Red Lobster, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Roosevelt H.S. Drum Line and Dance Team and their instructors.

To our AMAZING Police Department and Public Works Department THANK YOU for everything each one of your staff members did for the Firefighter's Picnic!!!

I personally would like to send a special thank you to Claudia Carrera, Col. Henry Berman, Gayle Baker, Ronnie Dixon, Carolyn Freeman, Ruth Fritz, Kelly Hamilton, Ursula Schaub, David Diaz, Rick Cockerham, Liz Dick and Elisia Stevens for ALL of your help, support, and your words of encouragement before, during and after picnic. I greatly appreciate each and every one of you!



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OINT SCCM / P&Z Public Heari	ing June 1	5:15 p.m.
Municipal Court	June 2, 9, 16	4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	June 10	6:00 p.m.
WEDC	June 11	6:00 p.m.

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RCCM	June 15	5:15 p.m.
Citizen Code Committee	June 17	6:00 p.m.
Water District	June 18	7:00 p.m.
Charter Review Committee	June 25	6:30 p.m.

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